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STAFFING CHANGES AND FIRE STATION CLOSURE IN THE CITY OF POMONA

Due to the severity of the City of Pomona's current financial crisis, the Fire District has been working with the City over the past several years to explore alternative fire protection configurations to reduce costs. However, during the past several months, Pomona's financial challenges have worsened.

At the August 6, 2012 council meeting, the City Council voted 5 to 2 to approve staffing changes that will reduce Pomona's contract costs by \$1.9 million in this fiscal year, and \$2.5 million a year for the next two fiscal years. This reduction necessitates our taking one 3-person engine company out of service (Engine 185), closing Fire Station 181, and moving other units within the City as of September 16, 2012. The staffing changes include the following:

- Close Fire Station 181, and relocate Light Force 181 to Fire Station 185
- Close Engine 185
- Relocate Paramedic Squad 182 to Fire Station 184
- Relocate Paramedic Squad 185 to Fire Station 183

Personnel currently assigned to Engine 185 will be transferred to existing vacancies within our Department. The reassignment of the paramedic squads does not produce any cost savings to the City, but is necessary in order to accommodate the relocation of the Light Force. The City has committed to work with the Fire District to identify potential funding sources/options that could restore funding for Engine 185 by July 2015.

The Services Agreement with the City provides that the City Council and the District Fire Chief may mutually agree on modifications to staffing levels in the City; thus, the staffing reduction will not require any Board action. Additionally, Labor (Los Angeles County Fire Fighters Local 1014) has been notified and is assisting in the transition plan and

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process. The Department and City are committed to continue to explore revenue streams to maintain and eventually re-staff Engine 185.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (323) 881-6180.

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